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SUBJECT: China Requests Date Change for UN ESCAP Meeting to May, 2008

¶1. (SBU) Mr. Geng Shuang, MFA Director of the Department of International Organizations and Conferences, called Embassy to request the United States support the Chinese sponsored change of date for the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UN ESCAP) meeting to May 8-3, 2008. The Chinese have difficulties with the originally proposed dates in March during which time they will be attending the Mekong Sub-Regional Meeting held in Laos.

¶2. (SBU) South Korea, Laos, Cambodia, Vietnam, Thailand and Burma support the change. Japan is currently considering the change according to Geng.

¶3. ACTION REQUEST: Please let post know if the USG supports the change of date.